



AYSO SECTION SEVEN HAWAII

13 April 2014

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ARTICLE ONE - PURPOSE3

ARTICLE TWO - SECTION PHILOSOPHY4

ARTICLE THREE - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECTION6

ARTICLE FOUR - SECTION MEMBERS.....6

ARTICLE FIVE - DUTIES OF THE SECTION DIRECTOR.....7

ARTICLE SIX - GAME CONDUCT8

ARTICLE SEVEN- PLAYER ELIGIBILITY11

ARTICLE EIGHT – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS15

ARTICLE NINE – DURATION OF SEASONS16

ARTICLE TEN - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS16

ARTICLE ONE

PURPOSE

- A. The safety and welfare of players, the fairness of competition, and the enjoyment of the game by everyone are paramount. Section Seven Guidelines apply to all AYSO competition within Hawaii (Regional and Area games, Events and Tournaments). Regions and Areas may enforce more stringent guidelines for Region/Area play. Where any Regional/Area Rule or Regulation is in conflict with these Section Guidelines, the Section Guidelines shall apply.
- B. These guidelines were approved by a vote of the AYSO Section Seven executive membership and are effective as of 13 April 2014.

Maurice Miranda
Director
AYSO Section Seven

ARTICLE TWO

SECTION PHILOSOPHY

MISSION STATEMENT

...Our purpose and our reason for being

“Committed to Kids”

Providing a quality youth soccer program in a FUN, FAMILY environment that is based on AYSO’s six (6) Philosophies

VISION STATEMENT

...What we want to be

“No Ka Oi”

We are the model youth sports organization in Hawaii because we do the right things to protect our participants (players and parents) and volunteers through training and development of our vital resources

The core philosophies guiding AYSO are:

Everyone Plays
Balanced Teams
Open Registration
Positive Coaching
Good Sportsmanship
Player Development

Guiding Principles:

Leadership – We enable success in each other and ourselves by effectively communicating expectations and motivating actions as we align and direct our efforts to accomplish our mission.

Accountability – We accept responsibility for our duties and outcomes, individually and as a team.

Integrity and Honesty – We act in line with our beliefs and are sincere and truthful to everyone.

Teamwork – We work as “One Team” towards common goals, objectives and a shared vision.

Respect and Trust – We care about each other and follow through, confident that others will do the same.

Excellence – We are customer focused and exemplify excellence in all that we do.

The core values and guiding principles are evident in our day-to-day interaction and behaviors and support our attainment of our Mission and Vision - “No Ka Oi” – “We are the Best”

ARTICLE THREE

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECTION

- A.** The Section is responsible for implementation of programs, as may be recommended by the AYSO National Advisory Commissions and adopted or approved by the AYSO National Board of Directors. These programs include:
1. Coaching Administration
 2. Referee Administration
 3. Management Administration
 4. Tournament Administration
- B.** The Section is responsible to oversee dispute resolution within Section Seven. Regional Commissioners will keep their respective Area Director informed of any formal dispute resolution situations involving players, parent, supporters and volunteers. Dispute resolution procedures outlined in AYSO's Standard Regional Guidelines shall be followed.
- C.** The Section and Area are responsible for all inter- and intra-area activities within Section Seven, not limited to the following:
1. Kirk Banks Tournament
 2. Rainbow Tournament
 3. Section Fall Games
 4. Section Extra Play
 5. Spring Select Season (Big Island and Oahu)
 6. Summer High School League (Big Island and Oahu)

ARTICLE FOUR

SECTION MEMBERS

- A. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS** - There shall be three (3) categories of members, honorary members, executive members and participating members.
1. **Honorary Members** - Membership may be extended by the Section Director to individuals who have rendered outstanding or extraordinary service on behalf of youth soccer in Hawaii. The Section Executive Members shall fix the term of each honorary member.
 2. **Executive Members** - The Section Director, each Area Director and the Regional Commissioners of each region of Section 7, whether chartered or pilot, shall serve as executive members as long as their terms are current and they hold their respective positions.
 3. **Participating Members** - All youth who have become registered as a participating player pursuant to the National Rules and Regulations of AYSO, and all Section

staff, area staff, regional board members, administrators, coaches, referees and other volunteers who are registered with AYSO.

B. RIGHT TO VOTE

Only Executive Members shall have the right to vote. Each Executive Member of record shall be entitled to cast one vote at meetings of the Executive Members. Whenever any action is to be taken by a vote of the Executive Members, it shall be authorized by a majority of votes cast (not counting abstentions).

C. QUORUM

A majority of the Executive Members present, either in person or by proxy, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at a meeting.

D. PROXIES

Every Executive Member entitled to vote at a meeting of Executive Members or to express consent or dissent without a meeting may authorize another person to act for him/her by written proxy. The Executive Member must sign every proxy. No proxy shall be valid beyond the date from the date of the scheduled meeting. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the Executive Member executing it.

ARTICLE FIVE

DUTIES OF THE SECTION DIRECTOR

- A.** The Section Director will be responsible for the general welfare and administration of the AYSO program within Section Seven.
- B.** The Section Director is responsible for the viability and administration of all inter-area activities within Section Seven.
- C.** The Section Director shall oversee appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms within Section Seven.
- D.** The Section Director shall have a Section Staff to accomplish administrative functions of programs that may be required. Additional staff positions may be created by the Section Director as deemed necessary to carry out the administrative duties of the Section. The Section Staff shall be responsible for the implementation of such programs, not limited to the following:
 - 1.** Section Coach Administrator (SCA) - Responsible for the administration, coordination and proper implementation of the AYSO coaching program. The SCA will support the ACAs and RCAs in their efforts to deliver the programs to the regions.
 - 2.** Section Referee Administrator (SRA) - Responsible for the administration, coordination and proper implementation of the AYSO referee program. The SRA will support the ARAs and RRAs in their efforts to deliver the programs to the regions.

3. Section Management Administrator (SMA) – Responsible for the administration, coordination and proper implementation of the AYSO Management Program. The SMA will support the AMAs and RMAs in their efforts to deliver the programs to the regions.
4. Section Tournament Administrator (STA) – Responsible for the administration, coordination and proper implementation of the AYSO Tournament Handbook, procedures and policies for the conduct of tournaments within Section Seven. The STA is responsible for review and preliminary approval of all applications for Tournaments conducted in Section 7.
5. Kirk Banks & Rainbow Tournament Directors - Responsible for the administration and viability of their respective tournaments.
 - a. Kirk Banks Tournament (Held annually during the School Spring Break period)
 - b. Rainbow Tournament (Held annually surrounding the July 4 Holiday period)
6. High School Summer League Director (Oahu) - Responsible for the administration and viability of the high school summer league, run during the months of June & July.
7. Spring Season Coordinator (SSC) - Responsible for the administration and coordination of the Section Spring Season (Oahu), run between December 1 & May 31. Area 7E and 7O Directors will assist with coordination of spring season activities.
8. Extra Program Coordinator (EPC) – Responsible for the administration and coordination of the Section Extra Program (Oahu), run between August 1 and November 31st. Area 7E and 7O Directors will assist with coordination of Extra Program activities.

ARTICLE SIX

GAME CONDUCT

A. COMPETITION

1. All AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with FIFA *Laws of the Game* and Decisions of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) in effect on August 1 each year, as modified by the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Where any Section Rule or Regulation is in conflict with AYSO National Rules or Regulation, the National Rule or Regulation shall apply.
2. It shall be mandatory for a team to play a regularly scheduled league game, unless a valid reason for non-appearance is supplied to the appropriate Regional Commissioner 72 hours prior to the start of the game. In case of a failure to play a regularly scheduled game, the offending team shall lose said game by a score of 3-0.

3. In the event a team refuses to continue a game (walks off the field), that team shall forfeit the game by a score of 3-0 or the score when the game was terminated, whichever is more disadvantageous to the forfeiting team.
4. When games are postponed, the Section Director, Area Director or Regional Commissioner, as appropriate, shall have full power to reschedule the game.
5. It is strongly recommended that competition be de-emphasized in U5, U6, U8 & U10 (no standings or playoffs). Play in these divisions should be for the introduction of soccer skills and techniques to children for player development, with emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play.
6. A league of small-sided teams may be formed in any age group at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner (Area Director for area play, Section Director for Section play) or a duly authorized representative.
7. For age groups U5, U6, U8, U10 & U12, regions are strongly encouraged to implement programs utilizing small-sided games (i.e. nine vs. nine or fewer) as recommended by the AYSO National Coaching Advisory Commission and stated in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.
8. Slide tackling and heading for age groups U5, U6, U8, U10 & U12 should not be encouraged.

9. SUBSTITUTION

- a. For all age groups, except U16 & U19, substitutions shall be made at the quarter stoppage, half time and to replace an injured player. U16 & 19 players may be substituted at quarter (1/4th) or eighths (1/8th) intervals. Free substitution is not allowed, except for the summer high school developmental league.
- b. Goalkeepers in U19, U16 and U14 may play the entire game at that position. U12 goalkeepers must play at least one (1) quarter in a field position and shall play no more than two (2) quarters in the goal. U10 goalkeepers shall play only one (1) quarter in the goal and must play at least one (1) quarter in a field position. There will be no goalkeepers for U8 games.
- c. It is also encouraged that players play three quarters of every game, whenever possible.

10. ELECTRONIC, MECHANICAL OR ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS

- a. The use of electronic, mechanical or artificial noisemakers by coaches, players or spectators during a game is prohibited. The term "electronic, mechanical or artificial noisemakers" shall include, without limitation, air-horns, fog-horns, blow-horns, ratchet-clackers, vuvuzelas, cow and other bells, whistles (except the referee's), Australian twirlers and the like. Any coach or player violating this prohibition after being asked by the referee to refrain from doing shall be deemed to be engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be sent off. The referee may also stop a game and request that the coach of a team tell the team's spectators to stop using prohibited noisemakers. The coach shall be responsible for any failure of his team's spectators to comply with this rule.

B. PLAYOFF COMPETITION

1. League Play-off's, Friendship Games or U10 Fun Fest events shall be determined by a system devised, prior to the start of the season, by the Area Director and Regional Commissioners.
2. Each Region may enter teams in their respective Area Championships or Friendship Games from the Fall Primary Season. The number of boys and girls teams to be entered from each Region will be pre-determined prior to the start of league play. More teams may be entered at the discretion of the Area Director.
3. All playoff competition shall be conducted under specific guidelines determined by the respective Area Director and Regional Commissioners. The Area Director shall publish administrative procedures at least thirty (30) day prior to the commencement of the playoffs.
4. In all playoff games:
 - a. When there is a conflict in team colors, the designated home team shall change uniforms or wear a different color vest, as provided by the host region or area.
 - b. Failure of both teams to be ready at kick-off shall constitute a double forfeiture.
 - c. Properly completed lineup (game) cards shall be presented to the referee prior to the start of the game. It shall include uniform number (in numerical order), the names of all players on the team, present or not, with an explanation of any absence.
5. Championship Games Only: In case of a tie at the end of regulation time, two overtime periods shall be played as follows:
 - a. U12 - two eight (8) minute periods; U14/U16 - two nine (9) minute periods; U19 - two ten (10) minute periods.
 - b. The team with the most goals scored during the overtime periods shall be declared the winner. If a team is playing short because of ejection, that team shall continue to play short during the overtime periods.
 - c. During the overtime periods, substitution is allowed at the beginning of each period and for injury.
 - d. In case of a tie following overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures in the AYSO Laws of the Game.

C. OFFICIATING

1. Referees shall at all times impose the rules and regulations of the FIFA *Laws of the Game* and Decisions of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) in effect on August 1 each year as modified by the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.
2. Referees shall at all times put emphasis on safety and welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner conducive to fair competition and good

sportsmanship. If a player is injured, the referee, at his/her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player, even if the ball has not gone out of play.

3. Referees for regional competition shall be assigned as determined prior to the commencement of the competition.
4. Referees for Area Games, Spring Select Season, High School Summer League, and Section Tournaments shall be assigned as determined prior to the commencement of the competition.
5. Signed game cards must be completed by the referee and forwarded to the Regional Commissioner, Area Director or Section Director, as appropriate or their designated representative. Referees must submit a match report when misconduct is awarded to any player or substitute or when improper behavior which interfered with the conduct of the game is exhibited by any participant (player, substitute, coach, or spectator).
6. See Article Eight (Disciplinary Actions) for reporting requirements on cautions (yellow cards), sendoffs (red cards) and expulsions for player, substitute or coach misconduct.

ARTICLE SEVEN

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – SECONDARY PROGRAMS

- A. The purpose of this article is to define player eligibility requirements for participation in AYSO Section Seven Secondary Programs. These secondary programs include, Spring Select Season (Oahu), Section Seven Kirk Banks Tournament, Section Seven Rainbow Tournament, and the AYSO National Games.
- B. For purposes of this determination the following definitions shall apply:
 1. "Actively Participated in" shall mean having played in at least 50% of the scheduled games in the AYSO primary program.
 2. "Scheduled Games" shall mean games that were scheduled for play at the beginning of the AYSO primary program and available for play (excludes games not available for play due to field closures or similar).
 3. "AYSO primary program" shall mean that set of scheduled games in a Region, Area or Section for which open registration is held, balanced teams are newly formed and all registrants play, but may be limited by age and/or gender. It is acknowledged that some Regions may have more than one AYSO primary program under this definition. Primary season participation includes Regions with teams that participated in an Extra Program in a Side-By-Side format.
 4. "Registered" shall mean that the player must have registered with AYSO in time to play in not less than one-half the games in the AYSO primary program. In a ten-game season, the player must be registered before the sixth game of the season assuming that all ten games are played.

5. "Special Circumstances" are those that are considered outside of the player's control that would preclude participation in an AYSO primary program.
 - a. These special circumstances include but are not limited to, a registered player's:
 - (1) Illness or injury;
 - (2) Change of address (moved to a new Region); and
 - (3) Parental custodial rights issues.
 - b. If such a special circumstance arises within a Region, the Regional Commissioner must request, in writing, approval from the Area Director and/or Section Director prior to adding the player to the secondary program roster.
 6. "Conflicting school activity" means any school activity which prevents the registered player from participating in at least 50% of the AYSO primary program's scheduled games.
- C.** Each Regional Commissioner is responsible for ensuring that the eligibility rules and the spirit of their intent are honored. The League Program or Tournament Director, with assistance from the Area Directors and the Section Director, collectively reserve the right to determine and administer any discipline that they deem appropriate should they find that the participation of any team or player violates this rule or its intent. Disciplinary sanctions can include, but are not limited to, removing or rejecting the offending team or player from participation in all or any part of the league or tournament games.
- D.** In order to verify eligibility for secondary play, each Region shall utilize eAYSO for player registration, program assignment and team roster formation. This will enable Section Seven Staff to verify player eligibility for participation in Section Secondary Programs.
- E.** Spring Select Season (Oahu)
1. To be eligible to play in the Section Seven Spring Select Season (Oahu) absent special circumstances or conflicting school activity, a player must be registered and have actively participated in an AYSO Primary Program held by their respective Region, Area or Section that started after August 1 (playing year) and ended before the scheduled start date of the Spring Select Season. It is intended that participants will not register with AYSO for the express or singular purpose of participating in the Spring Select Season.
 - a. In circumstances such as a shortage of players for a respective age division, a Regional Commissioner may petition the Area Director for a waiver to allow participation of a player who did not participate in the Fall Primary Season. The petition must be in writing.
 2. To be eligible to participate in the Section Seven Spring Select Season (Oahu) a player must be eligible to participate in accordance with the age restrictions as stated in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

3. Program Rosters

- a. New players shall not be added to teams after half of the playing season has been completed unless injury or other circumstances reduce the roster size below the minimum roster size specified in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. In the event roster additions are necessary, those players added to the roster shall meet the basic eligibility requirements for participation in secondary play.
 - b. Transfer of players shall not be allowed after half of the playing season has been completed.
 - c. New teams shall not be formed after half of the playing season has been completed.
4. A Regional Commissioner's certification of player eligibility is conveyed by his/her signature on the Spring Select Roster submitted in accordance with current Section Seven Spring Season Guidelines.
 5. Players who are placed on a Spring Select Team agree as a condition of joining that the AYSO Select Team is their primary team and all other soccer participation is secondary.

F. Section Seven Kirk Banks Tournament

1. The Kirk Banks Tournament is a Section Seven Invitational Tournament. To be eligible to play in the Kirk Banks Tournament, players meeting the registration requirements must be certified by the Regional Commissioner as having actively participated in an AYSO primary program within Section Seven absent special circumstances, held by their respective Region, Area or Section that started after August 1 of the playing year and ended before the scheduled start date of the Kirk Banks Tournament. A registered player who did not play in at least 50% of the scheduled games in the primary program may be eligible if a special circumstance listed above applies. If such a special circumstance applies, the Regional Commissioner must request, in writing, approval from the Area Director and/or Section Director prior to adding the player to the tournament roster. It is intended that participants will not register with AYSO for the express or singular purpose of participating in the Kirk Banks Tournament.
2. A Regional Commissioner's certification of player eligibility is conveyed by his/her (or duly chosen representative) electronic transfer of eAYSO roster(s) via the RC's authorized e-mail address to the tournament registrar no later than the designated deadline for submittal.
3. Guest player procedures will be detailed in the current Section Seven Kirk Banks Tournament Rules and Regulations.

G. Section Seven Rainbow Tournament

1. To be eligible to play in the Section Seven Rainbow Tournament a player must be an AYSO registered player for the soccer year that began on August 1st and ends on July 31st of the year in which they are participating and, absent special circumstances, must have actively participated in an AYSO primary program that

started after August 1 of the seasonal year and ended before the Tournament began.

2. With respect to the Rainbow Tournament only, players in the U19 Division who have been attending college on the mainland and who return to Hawaii during the summer provided that (a) the player was registered and actively participated in the most recent AYSO primary program held in the Region prior to departing for college and (b) the player is registered in eAYSO in the current seasonal year prior to June 1st immediately preceding the start of the Rainbow Tournament.
3. Guest player procedures will be detailed in the current Section Seven Rainbow Tournament Rules and Regulations.
4. A Regional Commissioner's certification of player eligibility is conveyed by his/her (or duly chosen representative's) electronic transfer of eAYSO roster(s) via the RC's authorized email address to the tournament registrar no later than the designated deadline for submittal.
5. From time to time teams from outside of the United States, its territories and possessions that cannot participate in an AYSO soccer program apply to enter the Rainbow Tournament. Because these teams cannot participate in an AYSO program, the Rainbow Tournament Director, with the written approval of the Section Director, may allow such teams to participate in the Rainbow Tournament so long as such entries do not foreclose the participation of any Section Seven teams otherwise eligible to participate in the Rainbow Tournament.

H. Section Seven High School Summer League (Oahu)

1. To be eligible to play in the Section Seven High School Summer League (Oahu) a player must be registered in an AYSO Region for the soccer year that began on August 1st and ends on JUL 31st of the year in which they are participating.
2. Players must be rising 9th graders through rising 12th graders.
3. Players may register in AYSO for the express purpose of participating in the AYSO Section Seven High School Summer League.
4. AYSO Registered players need not be registered in the AYSO Region "hosting" their respective High School Summer League team.

I. AYSO National Games

- a. Player eligibility requirements for participation in the AYSO National Games shall be in accordance with current AYSO National Games Governing Rules.

ARTICLE EIGHT

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

A. SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS

1. Prior clearance must be obtained from the Regional Commissioner or a duly authorized representative before a coach may suspend or expel a player from a team. If a player is suspended from a game, the referee and opposing coach must be informed of the suspension before the game.
2. Prior clearance must be obtained from the Area Director or Section Director, as appropriate, or their duly authorized representative to suspend a player from Area or Section games.

B. CAUTIONS (Yellow Cards)

1. Any player or substitute cautioned (receiving a yellow card) during a Region, Inter-Region, playoff or tournament game must be reported to the proper authority (Event Director, Section Director, Area Director, Regional Commissioner) by the game referee immediately following the termination of the game.
2. An accumulation of three (3) cautions (yellow card) during the course of Regional, Inter-Regional, playoff or tournament games shall result in a one game suspension for the next Section Seven AYSO sanctioned game. Cautions are carried over from Regional, Inter-Regional, playoff or tournament play. Section, Area and tournament committees must report all cautions to the Regions. Regions are responsible to track misconduct and discipline players.

C. SEND OFFS AND EXPULSIONS

1. Any player or substitute sent off (red card) during a Regional, Inter-Regional, playoff or tournament game must be reported to the proper authority (Event Director, Section Director, Area Director or Regional Commissioner) by the game referee immediately following the termination of the game. Any coach expelled during a Regional, Inter-Regional, playoff or tournament game must be reported to the proper authority (Event Director, Section Director, Area Director or Regional Commissioner) by the game referee immediately following the termination of the game.
2. The penalty for a player, substitute or coach who is sent off or expelled is a one (1) game suspension (the following game), unless otherwise specified by the appropriate Disciplinary Committee.
3. Any player, substitute or coach sent off or expelled for fighting will be suspended for the remainder of that Tournament and/or Season.
4. Stronger penalties may be imposed depending on the circumstances.
5. These penalties may not be appealed.

ARTICLE NINE

DURATION OF SEASONS

- A.** The duration of the Fall Primary season for Section Seven shall be from August 1 to November 31st, unless a region decides to play their primary season during the Spring.
- B.** The duration of the Spring Season for Section Seven shall be from December 1 to May 31st.
- C.** The duration of the High School Summer League for Section Seven shall be from June 1st to July 31st.
- D.** The appropriate Area Director shall approve dates of seasons other than shown above.

ARTICLE TEN

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

A. AYSO COACH CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

- 1.** The AYSO coaching program is designed to “develop” the skills of soccer players that is age appropriate, while ensuring each player has a positive image of themselves, their teammates, coaches, game officials and opponents. Coach training is the key to the 6th philosophy, “player development”. It is the goal of AYSO that every coach is trained and certified for the age group they are currently coaching.
- 2.** Coaches (head and assistant) who participate in secondary play (i.e., Spring Season, Extended Play, etc.) and tournaments (Area, Section and National Games) will be trained (age specific course) and certified (Safe Haven) for the age of players they are coaching.
- 3.** All coaches will comply with the training and certification requirements specified in the AYSO Rules and Regulations.

B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES

- 1.** It shall be the duty of each coach to:
 - a.** Conduct themselves in a manner becoming a member of AYSO.
 - b.** Comply with the AYSO Rules and Regulations and AYSO Policies, including those related to registration, certification and training.
 - c.** Encourage fair competition and good sportsmanship at all times.
 - d.** Train and coach their team to the best of their ability.

- e. Participate in POSITIVE coaching that instructs and encourages players during AYSO games. Sideline coaching shall be limited to two (2) coaches from each team within the distance equivalent to the radius of the center circle either side of the halfway line.
- f. Assist the referee in controlling and defusing threatening and harmful situations with players and/or spectators.
- g. Upon team formation, each coach must have in his/her possession a player registration form for each player assigned to the team for all practice sessions, scrimmages and games.
- h. Present a healthy and athletic environment for players by not consuming alcoholic beverages or using tobacco products during practices, games and in the immediate vicinity of the soccer field.
- i. Participate in games or scrimmages approved by the Regional Commissioner and/or special games committee.

C. CONFLICTS BETWEEN AYSO AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- a. AYSO has no policy restricting its players from participating in other programs or activities that take place during the same season as the AYSO program. Regions have from time to time excluded children from AYSO programs where the dual participation results in the inability of such child to participate effectively in the AYSO program. That means that, if a child is continuously unable to adequately participate because he or she is enrolled in another program or activity, then the Region may require such child to choose between AYSO and the other program. Of course, the Region should take such action only as a last resort, and every effort should be made to accommodate every child who wishes to participate in an AYSO program.
- b. Coaches are volunteering with AYSO Section Seven to provide a quality soccer experience for our Section's players. Volunteer coaches are an invaluable asset, contributing strongly to our community, and to AYSO Section Seven's abilities to deliver a superior soccer program to the kids of our community.
- c. Section Seven, including our players, parents and all of our volunteers, depend on our coaches to teach and guide our youth. As teachers and instructors, our coaches become mentors to our children. It is important that our Section can rely upon our coaches to have the best interests of our players in mind at all times.
- d. Coaches who volunteer to coach in AYSO Section Seven Secondary Programs do so with the understanding that their AYSO Coaching Responsibilities are primary and any other coaching commitments are secondary.
- e. No Region or coach may condition a player's participation in any AYSO program on such player participating on any other athletic team or in any other activity with which the coach is personally affiliated.

D. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/SPECTATORS

1. It shall be the duty of each parent and spectator to:

- a. Uphold the Rules and Regulations of AYSO.
- b. Encourage fair competition.
- c. Conduct themselves in an ethical and sportsmanlike manner.
- d. Leave the sideline coaching to the coaches.
- e. Cheer POSITIVELY and encourage their team. Criticism of either team or any player or substitute on either their team shall not be allowed. Criticism of any coach, referee or other AYSO volunteer shall not be allowed.